

FISCAL NOTE

HB 497 - SB 1065

February 28, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a Class C misdemeanor for theft of property or services valued at \$50.00 or less. Currently theft of property or services, if value is \$500.00 or less, is a Class A misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:


Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000
Decrease Local Govt. Revenues – Exceeds \$100,000

Assumptions:

- Local government expenditures would decrease for incarceration since the maximum period of imprisonment for a Class A misdemeanor is 11 months and 29 days and the maximum period of imprisonment for a Class C misdemeanor is 30 days.
- Local government revenues would decrease from fines imposed and collected for the offense since the maximum fine for a Class A misdemeanor is \$2,500.00 and the maximum fine for a Class C misdemeanor is \$50.00.
- Municipal courts will not possess jurisdiction over this new offense unless a municipal ordinance or law is adopted by the municipality that mirrors, duplicates, or incorporates by cross-reference the language of a state statute including the provisions of the bill.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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